

B2 1. (Amended) In a V-blade plow having a pair of adjustable plow blades having inner ends hinged on a central pivot assembly and having bottom edges, the improvement comprising a plowed material catcher member mounted below said central pivot assembly said catcher member having a conically shaped ramp surface and positioned behind said bottom edges to prevent a trail of plowed material from passing through any space between the inner ends of said blades at any position of blade adjustment.

B3 2. (Amended) The invention defined in claim [2] 1 wherein said [arcuate] conically shaped ramp surface portion makes an angle [to] of about 120°- 130° to a surface being plowed.

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As shown in Figure 2 of the drawings, which was discussed in relation to the prior art at the interview, the conically shaped ramp surface 11R is located behind the bottom edges of the adjustable blades 1 and 2 and closes the opening at the middle of the two blades in all positions of blade adjustment. The blades are adjusted by hydraulic cylinders as described in Capra et al U.S. Patent No. 5,568,694.

The above-requested amendments to the specification are based on the disclosure of the drawings of Figures 1 and, particularly,